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Information Required of Brokers and Dealers Pursuant to Section 17 of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 and Rule 1785 Thereunder

REPORT FOR THE PERIOD BEGINNING	July, 1 2001	AND ENDING _	June 30, 2002
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A. RE	GISTRANT IDENTII	TCATION	
NAME OF BROKER-DEALER:			
Benefit Funding Services, LLC			OFFICIAL USE ONLY
ADDRESS OF PRINCIPAL PLACE OF BUS	SINESS: (Do not use P.O.	. Box No.)	FIRM ID. NO.
23945 Calabasas Road	Suite 113-B		
	(No. and Street)		
Calabasas	California		91302
(City)	(State)		(Zip Code)
NAME AND TELEPHONE NUMBER OF P	ERSON TO CONTACT I	N REGARD TO THIS	REPORT
Richard Leach			(818) 225-9529
		<u> </u>	Area Code — Telephone No.)
B. AC	COUNTANT IDENT	FICATION	
INDEPENDENT PUBLIC ACCOUNTANT	whose opinion is contained	I in this Report*	
Kevin G. Breard, CPA An Accountance	cy Corporation		
(Na	me — if individual, state last, first, n	nsddie name)	
9010 Corbin Avenue, Suite 7	Northridge	California	91324
(Address)	(City)	(State)	Zip Code)
CHECK ONE:  ⊠ Certified Public Accountant  □ Public Accountant			PROCESSED
☐ Accountant not resident in United	d States or any of its poss	essions.	) SEP 1 1 2002
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\*Claims for exemption from the requirement that the annual report be covered by the opinion of an independent public accountant must be supported by a statement of facts and circumstances relied on as the basis for the exemption. See section 240.17a-5(e)(2).

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# OATH OR AFFIRMATION

Ĭ	Richard Leach	, swear (or affirm) that, to the
best	of my knowledge and belief the accompanying fina	ancial statement and supporting schedules pertaining to the firm of
	enefit Funding Services, LLC	
		, as of
	, are true	and correct. I further swear (or affirm) that neither the company has any proprietary interest in any account classified soley as that of
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	Notary Public	MARTIN J. STARK
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		NOTARY PUBLIC-CALIFORNIA LOS ANGELES COUNTY
Thi	s report** contains (check all applicable boxes):	My Comm. Exp. Sep 29, 2004
×	(a) Facing page.	
×	(b) Statement of Financial Condition.	
X	(c) Statement of Income (Loss).	
X	(d) Statement of Changes in Financial Condition-	Cash Flows
X	(e) Statement of Changes in Stockholders' Equity	
	(f) Statement of Changes in Liabilities Subordinate	ed to Claims of Creditors.
Ø	(g) Computation of Net Capital	
X	(h) Computation for Determination of Reserve Res	
X	(i) Information Relating to the Possession or cont	
		ation, of the Computation of Net Capital Under Rule 15c3-1 and the Requirements Under Exhibit A of Rule 15c3-3.
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×	(I) An Oath or Affirmation.	
	(m) A copy of the SIPC Supplemental Report.	
	(n) A report describing any material inadequacies for	and to exist or found to have existed since the date of the previous audit.

<sup>\*\*</sup>For conditions of confidential treatment of certain portions of this filing, see section 240.17a-5(e)(3).



#### Independent Auditor's Report

Board of Directors Benefit Funding Services, LLC

I have audited the accompanying statement of financial condition of Benefit Funding Services, LLC as of June 30, 2002, and the related statements of income, changes in member's equity, and cash flows for the year then ended that you are filing pursuant to rule 17a-5 under the Securities Exchange Act of 1934. These financial statements are the responsibility of the Company's management. My responsibility is to express an opinion on these financial statements based on my audit.

I conducted my audit in accordance with auditing standards generally accepted in the United States of America. Those standards require that I plan and perform the audit to obtain reasonable assurance about whether the financial statements are free of material misstatements. An audit includes examining on a test basis, evidence supporting the amounts and disclosures in the financial statements. An audit also includes assessing the accounting principles used and significant estimates made by management, as well as evaluating the overall financial statement presentation. I believe that my audit provides a reasonable basis for my opinion.

In my opinion, the financial statements referred to above present fairly, in all material respects, the financial position of Benefit Funding Services, LLC as of June 30, 2002, and the results of their operations and their cash flows for the year then ended in conformity with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America.

My examination was made for the purpose of forming an opinion on the basic financial statements taken as a whole. The information contained on Schedules I-III are presented for purposes of additional analysis and is not required as part of the basic financial statements, but as supplementary information required by rule 17a-5 of the Securities and Exchange Commission. Such information has been subject to the auditing procedures applied in the examination of the basic financial statements and, in my opinion, is fairly stated in all material respect in relating to the basic financial statements taken as a whole and in conformity with the rules of the Securities and Exchange Commission.

Kevin G. Breard

Certified Public Accountant

Northridge, California July 31, 2002

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# Benefit Funding Services, LLC Statement of Financial Condition June 30, 2002

## Assets

Cash and cash equivalents Accounts receivable Prepaid expenses Deposits	\$ 120,294 24,259 883 209				
Total assets	<u>\$ 145,645</u>				
Liabilities and Member's equity					
Liabilities					
Accounts payable and accrued expenses Income taxes payable	\$ 1,531 6,000				
Total liabilities	7,531				
Member's equity					
Contributed capital Retained earnings	36,500 101,614				
Total member's equity	138,114				
Total liabilities and member's equity	<u>\$ 145,645</u>				

# Benefit Funding Services, LLC Statement of Income For the year ended June 30, 2002

## Revenue

Commission income Interest and dividends	\$ 2,087,003 425
Total revenue	2,087,428
Expenses	
Occupancy and equipment rental Professional fees Other operating expenses	2,110 34,241 5,678
Total expenses	42,029
Income before income tax provision	2,045,399
Income tax provision	
Income tax provision	6,800
Total income tax provision	6,800
Net income (loss)	\$ 2,038,599

## Benefit Funding Services, LLC Statement of Changes of Member's Equity For the year ended June 30, 2002

		tributed Capital		Retained Earnings		<u>Total</u>
Balance, July 1, 2001	\$	36,500	\$	65,853	\$	102,353
Net income (loss)		_	,	2,038,599		2,038,599
Member's distribution			<u>(</u> 2	2,002,838)	<u>(</u>	2,002,838)
Balance, June 30, 2002	<u>\$</u>	36,500	<u>\$</u>	101,614	<u>\$</u>	138,114

## Benefit Funding Services, LLC Statement of Changes in Cash Flow For the year ended June 30, 2002

Cash flows	from operating ac	ctivities:

Net income (loss) \$ 2,038,599

Adjustments to reconcile net income (loss) to net cash and cash equivalents provided by operating activities:

(Increase) decrease on:

Accounts receivable \$ 10,399
Prepaid expenses (883)
Deposits (209)

(Decrease) increase in:

Accounts payable 766
Income taxes payable 6,000

Total adjustments 16,073

Net cash and cash equivalents provided by operating activities 2,054,672

### Cash flows from investing activities:

#### Cash flows from financing activities:

Member's distributions (2,002,838)

Net cash and cash equivalents used in financing activities (2,002,838)

Net increase in cash and cash equivalents 51,834

Cash and cash equivalents at end of year \$\frac{120,294}{}\$

## Supplemental disclosure of cash flow information:

Cash paid during the year for

Income taxes \$ 800 Interest \$ -

#### Benefit Funding Services, LLC Notes to Financial Statements

#### Note 1: GENERAL & SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES

General

Benefit Funding Services, LLC (the "Company") was organized in Nevada on September 11, 1997, as a single member Limited Liability Company. The Company is registered as a broker–dealer under the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 and is a member of the National Association of the Securities Dealers, Inc. (NASD).

The Company is a non-retail broker which does not hold accounts nor does the Company have any registered representatives or clients. The Company receives overrides from the broker-dealers of insurance companies for arranging the sale of variable life insurance and annuity products by registered representatives of retail broker-dealers. Under the terms of the Company's operation agreement, the Company shall continue in existence until December 1, 2030, unless terminated sooner or extended pursuant to certain conditions.

The Company is wholly owned by New First Financial Resources, LLC (New FFR).

Summary of Significant Accounting Policies

The preparation of financial statements in conformity with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States requires management to make estimates and assumptions that affect the reported amounts of assets and liabilities at the date of the financial statements and the reported amounts or revenues and expenses during the reporting period. Actual results could differ from those estimates.

Cash and cash equivalents consist of amounts on deposit with major financial institutions and highly liquid investments with a maturity of three months or less.

The Company recognizes fee income as earned. Fees represent overrides on variable life contracts from referrals by New FFR principals.

The Company is a Nevada registered limited liability company doing business in California. The Federal taxation is similar to a partnership, whereby the taxes are paid at the member level. Nevada does have a state tax, however, limited liability company's are subject to a gross receipts tax in California.

The Company maintains several bank accounts at financial institutions which are insured by the Federal Deposit Insurance Corporation (FDIC), up to \$100,000. At June 30, 2002 the Company had deposits with financial institutions with uninsured cash balances totaling \$20,294. The Company has not experienced any losses in such accounts and management believes it places its cash on deposit with financial institutions which are financially stable.

#### Benefit Funding Services, LLC Notes to Financial Statements

#### Note 2: INCOME TAXES

The Company is treated as a disregarded entity for federal tax purposes, in accordance with single member limited liability rules. All tax effects of the Company's income or loss are passed through to the sole member. Therefore no federal tax provision has been provided. However the Company is subject to a gross receipts tax in California for limited liability companies. For the year ended June 30, 2002 the Company recorded \$6,800 for this tax.

#### **Note 3: COMMITMENTS AND CONTINGENCIES**

In April 2001, the Company entered into an agreement for distributions of net profits. The Company can discretionarily distribute monthly 95% of its variable insurance commissions to its single member owner. According to this agreement, the Company distributed \$2,002,838 to New FFR for the year ending June 30, 2002.

#### Note 4: NET CAPITAL REQUIREMENTS

The Company is subject to the uniform net capital rule (Rule 15c3-1) of the Securities and Exchange Commission, which requires both the maintenance of minimum net capital and the maintenance of a maximum ratio of aggregate indebtedness to net capital. Net capital and aggregate indebtedness change day to day, but by June 30, 2002, the Company's net capital of \$137,022 exceeded the minimum net capital requirement by \$132,022; and the Company's ratio of aggregate indebtedness (\$7,531) to net capital was 0.05: 1.

#### Note 5: RECONCILIATION OF AUDITED NET CAPITAL TO UNAUDITED FOCUS

There is a difference between the computation of net capital under net capital Sec. Rule 15c3-1 and the corresponding unaudited focus part IIA.

Net capital per unaudited schedule \$ 118,763

Adjustments:

Non-allowable assets \$ 24,259 Income taxes payable (6,000)

Total adjustments 18,259

Net capital per audited statements <u>\$ 137,022</u>

# Benefit Funding Services, LLC Schedule I - Computation of Net Capital Requirements Pursuant to Rule 15c3-1 For the year ended June 30, 2002

## Computation of net capital:

Member's equity			
Contributed capital Retained earnings	\$ 36,500 101,614		
Total member's equity		\$	138,114
Less: Non allowable assets Prepaid expenses Deposits Total adjustments  Net capital before haircuts	 (883) (209)	***************************************	(1,092) 137,022
Less: Haircuts Total Haircuts  Net Capital			137,022
Computation of net capital requirements:  Minimum net capital requirements  6 2/3 percent of aggregate indebtedness  Minimum dollar net capital required  Net capital required, greater of above  Excess net capital	\$ 502 5,000	<u> </u>	5,000 132,022
Ratio of aggregate indebtedness to net capital	0.05 : 1		

There was a difference between net capital shown here and net capital as reported on the Company's unaudited Form X-17A-5 report dated June 30, 2002. (See Note 5)

# Benefit Funding Services, LLC Schedule II - Computation for Determination of Reserve Requirements Pursuant to Rule 15c3-3 For the year ended June 30, 2002

A computation of reserve requirements is not applicable to Benefit Funding Services, LLC as the Company qualifies for exemption under Rule 15c3-3 (k) (2).

# Benefit Funding Services, LLC Schedule III - Information Relating to Possession or Control Requirements Under Rule 15c3-3 For the year ended June 30, 2002

Information relating to possession or control requirements is not applicable to Benefit Funding Services, LLC as the Company qualifies for exemption under Rule 15c3-3 (k) (2).

Benefit Funding Services, LLC
Supplementary Accountant's Report
on Internal Accounting Control
Report Pursuant to 17a-5
for the Year Ended June 30, 2002



Board of Directors Benefit Funding Services, LLC

In planning and performing my audit of the financial statements of Benefit Funding Services, LLC for the year ended June 30, 2002, I considered its internal control structure, for the purpose for safeguarding securities, in order to determine our auditing procedures for the purpose of expressing my opinion on the financial statements and not to provide assurance on the internal control structure.

Also, as required by rule 17a-5(g)(1) of the Securities and Exchange Commission, I have made a study of the practices and procedures (including tests of compliance with such practices and procedures) followed by Benefit Funding Services, LLC that I considered relevant to objectives stated in rule 17a-5(g), (1) in making the periodic computations of aggregate indebtedness (or aggregate debits) and net capital under rule 17a-3(a)(11) and the reserve required by rule 15c3-3(e). I did not review the practices and procedures followed by the Company (i) in making the quarterly securities examinations, counts, verifications and comparisons, and the recordation of differences required by Rule 17a-13, or (ii) in complying with the requirements for prompt payment for securities of Section 8 of Regulation T of the Board of Governors of the Federal Reserve System, because the Company does not carry security accounts for customers or perform custodial functions relating to customer securities.

The management of the Company is responsible for establishing and maintaining internal control structure and the practice and procedures referred to in the preceding paragraph in fulfilling this responsibility, estimates and judgements by management are required to assess the expected benefits and related costs of internal control structure policies and procedures and of the practices and procedures referred to in the proceeding paragraph and to assess whether those practices and procedures can be expected to achieve the Commission's above mentioned objectives. Two of the objectives of an internal control structure and the practices and procedures are to provide management with reasonable, but not absolute, assurance that assets for which the Company has responsibility are safeguarded against loss from unauthorized use or disposition and that transactions are executed in accordance with management's authorization and recorded properly to permit preparation of financial statements in conformity with generally accepted accounting principles. Rule 17-5(g) lists additional objectives of the practices and procedures listed in the preceding paragraph.

NORTHRIDGE OFFICE PLAZA 9010 CORBIN AVENUE, SUITE 7 NORTHRIDGE, CALIFORNIA 91324 (818) 886-0940 • FAX (818) 886-1924 Breard CPA@aol.com Because of inherit limitations in any internal control structure or the practices and procedures referred to above, errors or irregularities may occur and not be detected. Also, projection of any evaluation of them to future periods is subject to the risk they may become inadequate because of changes in conditions or that the effectiveness of their design and operation may deteriorate.

My consideration of the internal control structure would not necessarily disclose all matters in the internal control that might be material weaknesses under standards established by the American Institute of Certified Public Accountants. A material weakness is a condition in which design or operation of the specific internal control structure elements does not reduce to a relatively low level the risk that errors or irregularities in amounts that would be material in relation to the financial statements being audited may occur and not be detected within a timely period by employees in the normal course of performing their assigned functions. However, I noted no matters involving the internal control structure, including procedures for safeguarding securities, that I considered to be material weakness as defined above.

I understand that practices and procedures that accomplish the objectives referred to in the second paragraph of this report are considered by the Commission to be adequate for its purpose in accordance with the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 and related regulations, and that practices and procedures that do not accomplish such objectives in all material respects indicate material inadequacy for such purposes. Based on this understanding and on my study, I believe that the Company's practices and procedures were adequate at June 30, 2002 to meet the Commission's objectives.

This report is intended solely for the use of management, the Securities and Exchange Commission, and other regulatory agencies which rely on Rule 17a-5(g) under the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 and should not be used for any other purpose.

Kevin G. Breard

Certified Public Accountant

Northridge, California

July 31, 2002

Benefit Funding Services, LLC

Report Pursuant to Rule 17a-5 (d)

**Financial Statements** 

For the Year Ended June 30, 2002